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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS: AUGUST 26

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS QUITE LIGHT, BUT NEGATIVE.
-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY STRAIGHT PARIS TASS REPORT ON FRENCH GOVERNMENT CRISIS. ARTICLE STRESSES ECONOMIC AND PERSONAL ISSUES BETWEEN UDR AND INDEPENDENTS, BUT ALSO NOTES THAT GAULLIST LEADERS "HAVE RECENTLY CRITICIZED CERTAIN TENDENCIES IN FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY, JUDGING THEM A DEPARTURE FROM DE GAULLE'S LINE".
-- IN MOSCOW'S FIRST MAJOR COMMENT ON SEPTEMBER 19 SWEDISH ELECTIONS, PRAVDA'S SCANDINAVIA CORRESPONDENT YU. KUZNETSOV SHOWS BAD BOURGEOIS PARTIES TRYING TO USE ECONOMIC TROUBLES TO WOO SD VOTERS AND OVERTHROW SD GOVERNMENT AND ITS "PEACELOVING NEUTRALIST POLICY", SEES EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC TIES WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AS ONEMIWLUCOMHDCGLY RELY M ENTIONS SWEDISH COMMUNISTS.#
-- ON MIDWWE EAST, PRAVDA HAS CAIRO TASS ARTICLE BASED ON "ROSE EL YOUSSEF" INTERVIEW WITH IRAQI CP FIRST SECRETARY, AZIZ MUHAMMED. MUHAMMED TAKES EXPECTED ANTI-IMPERIALIST LINE, BUT GOES ON TO INDICT "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN EGYPT WHO BLACKEN NAME OF LATE PRESIDENT NASSER;
-- PRAVDA AND KZ PRINT TASS BEIRUT ITEM BY V. KOPYTIN AND A. URAZOV WHICH CITES RADIO "VOICE OF PALESTINE" ON SYRIAN AYELLING OF POSITIONS HELD BY NATIONALIST AEAC FORCES AND PALESTINIANS. ARTICLE ALSO CITES "L'ORIENT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LE JOUR" REPORT THAT DURING DISCUSSION BY TWO U.S. SPECIAL ENVOYS, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON OPENING AN AMERICAN CONSULATE IN JUNIYA, "A STEP DIRECTED TOWARD SUPPORT OF EFFORT OF RIGHTISTS TO ACHIEVE PARTITION OF COUNTRY;"
-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES ARTICLE ON LEBANON WHICH DISCUSSES ROLE OF JUNIYA AS UNDECLARED CAPITAL OF CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE IN LEBANON, AND AS PORT FOR LANDING OF WEAPONS FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL;

-- SOUTHERN AFRICA RECEIVES CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION THROUGH IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" COLUMN BY A. ROVNOV AND PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. KOROBKOV. ROVNOV COLUMN IS BASICALLY A REHASH OF RECENT SOVIET LINE --IMPERIALIST FINANCIAL INTERESTS, SOUTH AFRICA MANEUVERING (ESTABLISHMENT OF "SO-CALLED" BANTUSTANS), WESTERN-ESPECIALLY ISRAELI--ARMS SUPPLY AND DANGER OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR POTENTIAL. ROVNOV CITES BRITISH PRESS ON CHARGE THAT SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVES ACCESS TO NATO DOCUMENTS THROUGH BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTRY. WRITING ON OCCASION OF "DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA," KOROBKOV DESCRIBES CURRENT MANEUVERING OF SOUTH AFRICA TO EVADE AUGUST 31 UNSC DEADLINE ON ACCEPTANCE OF NAMIBIAN ELECTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION. KOROBKOV CITES CONFIRMATION BY JUST CONCLUDED 14TH SESSION OF UNCOMMITTEE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THAT ONLY SWAPO IS "SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF POPULATION OF THIS AFRICAN TERRITORY;" IZVESTIYA HAS BRIEF ITEM CITING REV. JESSE JACKSON'S STATEMENT AFTER MEETING WITH SECRETARY THAT LATTER PLANNED TO MEET SOON WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PM VORSTER;

--BOTH IZVESTIYA AND KZ REPORT VISIT OF SOVIET DESTROYER "BRAVY" TO PORT BISSAU--FIRST SUCH SOVIET NAVAL VISIT, SAYS ARTICLE;

-- ONLY KOREA ITEM TODAY IS IZVESTIYA REPORT ON GREENING OF RICE FIELDS IN NORTH KOREA;
-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES COMMENTARY ON BAGLADESH BY CORRESPONDENT ROSTARCHUK WHO DESCRIBES THE YEAR SINCE MUJIB'S ASSASSINATION IN MEASURED TERMS. HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ORDER HAS IMPROVED SINCE TROUBLES LAST NOVEMBER, BUT HE SAYS THAT PROBLEMS ARE NOT YET RESOLVED;
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2. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT AND NEGATIVE.

-- PRAVDA, KZ AND TV NEWS REPORT NEGATIVE PHILIPPINE REACTION TO REPORTED AID MEMO PROPOSING LINKAGE OF EARTH-QUAKE AID AND BASE NEGOTIATIONS;
-- HOUSE PASSAGE OF "RECORD" DEFENSE BUDGET GETS EQUAL TREATMENT IN PRAVDA AND KZ, WHICH CHARGES THAT SIZE OF BUDGET CONTRIBUTES TO ARMS RACE AS DOES EXPENDITURES FOR NEW WEAPON SYSTEMS SUCH AS TRIDENT;
-- AUGUST 25 EVENING TV HAD CONCLUDING HALF HOUR PROGRAM ON CIA. PROGRAM DESCRIBED "OPERATION PHOENIX" IN VIETNAM, "SECRET WAR" IN LAOS AND SEVERAL ANTI-PROGRESSIVE OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA. THE PROGRAM SEEMED TO BE BASED ON AN AMERICAN TV SPECIAL.
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